

**THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FOR
AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES
State Executive Council**

Development of a Strategic Plan and Strategic Directions

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PURPOSE OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)

The purpose and objectives of the Council shall be to assure collaborative programmatic policy development, fiscal policy development and administrative oversight for the efficient and effective provision of child centered, family focused and community based services to eligible emotionally and behaviorally troubled children/youth and their families in the least restrictive, appropriate environment. Further, the Council assures the Governor, and Cabinet Secretaries are knowledgeable on matters related to the aforementioned areas. (Article II of the State Executive Council Bylaws)

MISSION STATEMENT

To direct a cost-effective collaborative system of services for youths that is child centered, family focused and community based. (Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families, Strategic Plan Update 2004-2006 Biennium)

GOAL OF THE SEC STRATEGIC PLAN (DRAFT STATEMENT)

To ensure that the SEC has an active plan that continues to address key issues effecting policy, communication, funding, data management, and administration of the Comprehensive Services Act programs.

PROPOSED STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

CHALLENGE 1. To develop policies that improves access to care for all at-risk and troubled youth and their families.

Potential Issues/Goals:

- a. Non-mandated children and youth
- b. Relinquishment of parental custody (The development of models to reduce this perceived mandate as well as the issues highlighted in the Office of the Attorney General Opinion Number 04-012 [March 2004].)
- c. Role of parents in CSA process (Heighten the role of parents in the CSA process.)
- d. Early intervention services (Annually, assess the impact

of early intervention services on the CSA programs.)

CHALLENGE 2. To promote open communication, ownership, and active participation among all CSA participants: parents and their children, local and state decision makers and governments, and private agencies.

Potential Issues/Goals:

Possible methods for communication:

- Newsletter
- Regional Forums - Target local and state decision makers by partnering with VACO, VML, the Association of School Superintendents, Judges and VCOPPA.
- Inclusion of stakeholders on all committees, task forces, etc.
- Continued best practices dissemination

CHALLENGE 3. To maximize and efficiently utilize all available local, state, federal and private funding streams that are aligned with/complementary to Comprehensive Services Act principles.

Potential Issues/Goals:

- a. Funding and allocation methodologies, such as local match requirements, unbundling of reimbursement, and payment for education services
- b. Medicaid providers of CSA services
- c. Integration of CSA with local budgets

CHALLENGE 4. To develop and implement a quality improvement program that uses customer feedback, client outcomes, and program and fiscal data to improve the operation and management of CSA, OCS, and SEC.

Potential Issues/Goals:

To be developed

CHALLENGE 5. To develop program efficiencies, supports including uniformity of tools, which minimizes CSA administrative processing and expenses at all levels: state, local, and private agencies.

Potential Issues/Goals:

To be developed